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The four experts who have taken charge of the operations at the Union mines for the recovery of the bodies of the victims of Friday's awful disaster have hopes of reaching the portion of the mine in which the men who lost their lives were working, some time today. Until then nobody can give any opinion as to the cause of the disaster which robbed so many homes of their bread-winners. Those not acquainted with the mine thought the work of recovering the bodies would take a couple of weeks, but as early as last night the parties had slowly pushed their way through the workings of No. 5 mine into the workings of No. 6, the wrecked mine, in which the bodies are. The story of the disaster and the efforts to reach the entombed men before their lives were despaired of, the operations to put out the fire and clear the mines of gas, to allow of the bodies being recovered, is told in the despatches from the Colonist's staff correspondent on the scene. The details were slow in coming out, owing first to the distance that the correspondents had to travel; secondly, to the delay caused by the snow storm, and again through the fact that the operator at Union was not able to handle the long despatches offered him. On Sunday, however, things changed. A competent operator took charge and Premier Dunsinuir on his arrival did everything possible to make the task of the newspaper men an easier one. He arranged for interviews with all the officials who could throw any light on the circumstances of the disaster, and, in fact, all information was placed at the disposal of the news gatherers.

On Sunday news came that the fire had been put out, the mine being flooded to a depth of 42 feet. At 3:40 General Manager Little, accompanied by Inspectors McGregor and Russell, and others, descended into the mine, and the passageway leading to No. 6, a distance of 900 feet, when they encountered gas. They remained down two hours, and upon returning to the surface reported that there was no fire in No. 6. Despite a blinding snow storm, Premier Dunsinuir spent the day around the pit mouths, receiving the reports of the officials. He left for Victoria last night.

ENTERING THE MINE.

Union, Feb. 18.—Since the mines were entered on Sunday afternoon, for the first time since the pit mouths were sealed up on Saturday morning, before dawn, when after the second explosion in No. 6 all hope was abandoned for the 61 men below, work has been carried on without interval and some of the bodies are expected to be taken out to-morrow morning. The operations for the recovery of the bodies of the victims began on Sunday at noon, when the boards which covered the tunnel of the big air fan at No. 5 were knocked off and the great fan, which revolves at a range of ninety times each minute, sending one hundred thousand cubic feet of air into the mine, was started, and a volume of air forced into the mine to drive back the gas and fire damp which had accumulated since the explosion and fire. The explosion pit mouth at No. 5 was recovered and at 3 o'clock, it having been decided at a consultation between Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir, Manager Little and the Mine Inspector and the Engineers to send down an exploring party, all the experts were lowered. In the meantime the rush of water flooding No. 6 had been cut off, as the depth of 45 feet then in that mine's bottom workings was sufficient to extinguish the fire. This water from a flume and five hose lines had been running since the daring attempt at rescue had failed, the last forlorn attempts being blocked by a cloud of smoke which forced the rescuers back and followed them up the shaft, two being partially overcome. It is thought by those familiar with the work, however, that the men and others, that the water will not cover more than seven or eight bodies, all being Chinese, with the exception of two, or possibly three. Overman William Walker's body will, they think, be one of those found there, for he had just gone down the cage when the explosion occurred and could not be far from the bottom of the shaft. The other body they expect to find there is that of Robt. Steele, the cages, for he is believed to have been at the bottom of the shaft, a one-bell signal having been received by the engineer in charge of the hoist. One bell indicates that a full car without men was ready to be hoisted, and the man in charge of the cage pulls down a lever at the bottom of the shaft to give this signal. The bell had just rung when the explosion occurred, and some of those engaged in the mine say it may perhaps have been the first of three bells, the signal that the car was ready to be hoisted up with men, for William Snedden, one of the dead, had gone down to pick up his tools, and if this was the case, then there will be three whites at the bottom and five or six Chinese. These will be the last bodies reached. The first to be found will be those of McGinnis and Munro, who were in the workings nearest to where No. 6 connects with No. 5, and not a great distance from where the miners had reached this afternoon.

An exploration was made by the officials, inspectors and experts yesterday, seven going down in the first cage at 3:30. They were F. D. Little, J. Matthews, J. McGregor, T. Morgan, Dave Walker, J. McMurtrie, and James Strand. Five others—T. Russell, E. Priest, A. McNight, R. Short and H. Sheppard, went down immediately after.

OFFICIAL LIST OF THE DEAD.

WILLIAM B. WALKER, 48 years, foreman of No. 6 mine; married, leaves a wife and four daughters, his two sons being lost in the explosion with him.
WILLIAM WALKER, 20 years.
GEORGE WALKER, 16 years.
JOHN ALLISON, male driver; single, about 20 years. It was his first day at work in the pit.
ROBERT STEELE, cager; single, about 30 years.
ROBERT FLECK, from Scotland; about 40 years; married, leaves wife and six children in Scotland.
WILLIAM DAVIS, about 45, single; arrived about a month ago from Newcastle mines.
JAMES C. ROSETTI (Italian), about 36 years; married; leaves wife and one child in Turin, Italy. Had been employed at Union for 12 years.
JAMES HALLIDAY, about 45; married; leaves wife and family at Lethbridge, N. W. T. He intended to send for them in a month.
CHAS. BONA (Italian), about 30 years; married; leaves wife and family at Cumberland. He had been at Union several years.
DUNCAN MUNRO, about 40; married; leaves wife and family of six at Cumberland. He arrived lately from Extension.
LOUIS SIMONDI (Italian), about 50; married; leaves wife at Cumberland, but no family. He had lived at Union about 12 years.
JOHN WHITE, about 42 years; married; leaves wife and five children, eldest boy about 16 years. He had lived at Union since the fire began, and is the eldest son of James White, ex-governor of the mine.
ANDREW SMITH, about 40; single. Worked in the district collieries for a number of years.
THOMAS LORD, about 33; single. Lived at Union about six years.
WILLIAM SNEDDEN, about 40; married; leaves wife and large family. He was going down the mine for his tools, intending to go to Nanaimo to bury his child who had died there.
PETER BARDISONA (Italian), about 35; married; leaves wife and four children at Cumberland.
ANTONE MAFFADO (Italian), 28; single. He was a late arrival.
DUNCAN McINNES, about 50 years; widower. Also a late arrival.
GEORGE TURNBULL, timberman, about 22 years; married about a year ago, and leaves a wife at Cumberland.
The weighman reports that 64 men—20 whites, 9 Japanese and 35 Chinese—went down the mine, and not one has been taken out.

A davy lamp was lowered as a matter of precaution to investigate whether there was still gas there, before they descended. The party was down nearly two hours, and went in a considerable distance, carrying the air with them. After they had been gone an hour and a half, two miners went down to see that all was well, and reported that the party were still exploring. Their report was most satisfactory, and it was decided to prosecute work from 8 p.m., working constantly, with shifts of four men.

William Johnson, fire boss of No. 6, was the last man to leave the mine before the accident. He went down with the first shift after the officials and inspectors came up at 11 p.m., from a second investigation. His party of miners, before they came up, had not got within 80 yards of the first workings of No. 6 mine. About 50 yards from the connection of the two mines a stoppage was found to have been blown out by the explosion, all the others having been found intact. They put in a new stoppage and carried good air to the last workings of No. 5, going to the farthest crosscut of the mine.

The next shift, which went down under Fire Boss Thomas, at 4 a.m., repaired the brattice, thus carrying the mid-wall along and bringing the current of air further into the mine and forcing the gaseous matter further back. As a matter of precaution, the nails were driven into the boarding of the brattice with wooden mallets and copper hammers, which made no spark. By the time they came up from the pit they had fixed the brattice, and carried air along to within 60 or 70 yards of where they expected to take out the first body.

The next shift went down at 8 a.m., and when they came up at noon they had carried the air along under the brattice, and working their way forward, and the shift which came up at 8 a.m. made further progress, but the passage was necessarily slow, as the mid-wall had to be made, brattices carried along the crosscuts, and the air carried into No. 6. At 4 p.m. No. 6 had been entered, and by to-morrow morning it may be the first bodies will be taken from the mine. At 2 p.m. the mouth of No. 6 was uncovered for the first time since it was closed on Saturday afternoon, and Messrs. Matthews, Morgan, Priest and McGregor went down. They reached a point within 80 feet of the bottom of the shaft, and about 40 feet above the water in the bottom of the mine; and there the cage was stopped by debris, the guide posts, mid-wall and wood-work being smashed up by the explosion. Nothing could then be done in that shaft, and they went over to No. 5, where many volunteers, whose services are eagerly offered, are working, shift after shift, rushing the work of constructing the brattices to carry the fire engine to where the dead are lying, as fast as it can be done with safety. The Colonist reporter accompanied Mr. Matthews on this trip down into No. 5, and with a davy lamp in hand proceeded along the workings to where the shaft was nailing up and making tight the planking of the brattices, practically a partition along one side by which the volume of air was carried to where it met the after-damp and gas, and there it was turned back. Over 1,000 yards the inspectors, experts and party travelled, until they came into a single passageway leading towards No. 6 workings, and here they began, one passage, the brattices were necessary to carry the air along and return it. Here the miners were hard at work nailing up the partitions with their wooden mallets, and making the joints as air-tight as possible with straw. The work is necessarily slow, for there are so many stoppages to make to prevent leakage of the air current. To-night the force of men is being increased. When the shift came up at 8, the men were about 70 yards away from the workings in which some of the dead miners were when the accident occurred. To the fire-damp, may be driven out the first of the victims—that is, if they did not run towards the shaft. In the opinion of some of the experts, had the men in the workings nearest No. 5 run towards that mine, they would in all probability have escaped. The nearest to No. 5 mine was McGinnis, and it is expected he will be the first taken out.

In readiness for the sad work, a number of hastily-constructed stretchers are at the pit-head of No. 5. The precautions being taken at the pit-head are great, for an exposed light would mean another explosion, which would not only cause the death of all in the mine, but would blow up the two pit-heads, which are a mile apart. When your correspondent accompanied Manager Matthews into the mine, he was shown the effect of the gas on the safety lamp, and how the foremost miners are working close to what, if a naked light was near or a defective lamp held, would at once cause an explosion. Therefore the work is slow, caution being necessary. With the increased force placed on the shifts to-night, the work will be expedited, and morning will see the miners well into the workings of No. 6. As coal is urgently needed, the engines and other apparatus at the mines needing fuel, a small force will be put to work in No. 4, the Lake mine, to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. This is the largest of the three mines here, working in two shifts 500 men when running full blast, and giving a supply of 1,200 tons of coal a day.

Mayor Carthew intends arranging for subscriptions for the families of the victims of the accident, and to-day suggested that Cumberland would gladly welcome the opening of a subscription in Victoria by the Colonist.

STRANGE ESCAPES.

There were several miners of this stricken community who escaped death by strange force of circumstances. David Roy owes his life to his tardiness in reaching the pit-head, having been delayed by standing to converse with a man he met. Roy had been sick for two weeks, and went to the overman and said that his place had better be given to another man. On the morning of the explosion he arranged to go down for his tools. Roy lives on a ranch near Cumberland, and had come to get some of Walker's house when that man had come up for breakfast and at the same time to get his son to go down and replace a driver who was away. Roy arranged to go down into the mine with Walker, and went to the cage with some overalls. He was delayed by talking with a man he met on the way back; and Walker, tired of waiting for him, had gone down. When Roy arrived, the head man had no authority to let him down, and he left just as the pit-mouth was closing.

W. Snedden was not so fortunate. He had gone down to measure up his work and pick up his tools, having received a telegram telling of the death of his child in Extension, and was below when the explosion took place. James Halliday, another of the victims, had changed shifts with his working partner the day prior to the accident, having been before on the day shift; and Nehemiah Harvey, his partner, would in the ordinary course have been below in his stead. Matt Mitchell, another miner who belonged to this shift, was home through sickness, having developed a gripe. Allison was down for the first time.

THE CAUSE.

As to the cause of the explosion, no man can tell. Those below are all dead, and none of those on top can as much as form a theory, the practical and long experienced inspectors and mining engineers being unable to give even an opinion; therefore nothing can be said of the cause. It may be that when the mine is thoroughly explored and the spot reached where the explosion occurred, there will be certain indications known to practical men to mark it, and it might be possible that the cause would be indicated.

PREMIER'S ARRIVAL.

Cumberland, Feb. 17.—Premier Dunsinuir and party arrived at Union Bay on the steamer Joan at 8 a.m. Sunday, and a special train met the steamer and took the party to Cumberland, where they debarked at the pit-head of No. 6 shaft, where the explosion occurred, and where several up in deck chambers were the remains of 20 white men, 8 of whom were Italians; 9 Japanese and 35 Chinese, 64 all told. Although on the platform where the cars were (Continued on Second Page.)

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sult the Night Editor.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE.

The Union Colliery disaster has de-
prived a number of women and children
of their breadwinners. Doubtless their
immediate needs will be provided for,
but the most that can be done in this
way will be inadequate to the necessities
of the case. We suggest that the time
has come when the government, either
federal or provincial, should take up the
question of providing insurance for per-
sons engaged in such industries as min-
ing, sea-faring and others subject to
fatal accidents.

We are without data as to the num-
ber of men and the amount of the pay-
rolls in the various mines on Vancouver
Island, but the wages cannot amount to
less than \$200,000 monthly. A tax of 1
per cent, would yield \$2,000 from this
source alone, or \$24,000 a year. Putting
the cost of management at \$4,000 a year,
this would leave a fund of \$20,000 avail-
able, which would provide for 20 pay-
ments of \$1,000 each to the victims of
fatal accidents in the mines. This is
only a very partial statement of the
case, but it will indicate what we have
in mind. It would be possible to arrange
so that the amounts payable to the
families should be in the form of annu-
ities, which would probably be the best
method in most cases. We suppose
that an annuity of \$75 a year for 15
years would be about the equivalent of
a payment down of \$1,000, and surely no
miner would object to paying 1 per cent,
of his earnings to secure such an annuity
to his family in case of his death by
accident in a mine. Of course, the pay-
ment of the percentage would have to
be compulsory upon all miners. We
speak of miners only, but the operation
of such a system might be more widely
extended.

One feature about such a system is
that it would eliminate from the aid
given all appearance of its being a char-
ity. The family would receive what its
head had contracted and paid for.

We suppose it is not reasonable to ex-
pect that a measure to provide insur-
ance of this nature can be perfected in
time to be introduced to parliament or
the legislature this year. Sufficient time
should be taken to perfect the plan—to
decide what lines of employment should
be embraced in it and how the system
can best be organized. We shall be
glad to receive suggestions on the sub-
ject, with the hope that some time in the
near future they may be crystallized into
the form of a statute.

A RELIEF FUND.

We print a letter from Mr. James E.
Painter, in which he makes a suggestion
as to the starting of a relief fund for the
families of the sufferers by the Union
Colliery disaster. No doubt the people
of Victoria will be very glad to do what
is right in this direction. In the course
of a day or two we will probably be able
to let the public know just what the re-
quirements of the afflicted families are,
and if a request is then made for con-
tributions they will come in freely. Mean-
while Mr. Painter is to be commended
for his suggestion and the evidence he
has given that he means what he says.

YUKON GOVERNORSHIP.

It is stated that Mr. Ogilvie has re-
signed, or is about to resign, the position
of commissioner for the Yukon, or the
governorship, as it is commonly called.
Rumor connects the name of Mr. J. H.
Ross, of Moosejaw, with the probable
vacancy. Mr. Ross is a member of the
Northwest Council. He entered public
life during the time when Mr. Dewdney
was Lieutenant-Governor at Regina, and
has occupied a position in the Council
ever since—that is, for eleven years.
Mr. Dewdney says that he is a
thoroughly reliable and competent man,
whose administrative experience ought to
qualify him in an exceptional way for
the work to be done in the Yukon coun-
try. Mr. Ross is a Liberal in politics.

While speaking of this office, we wish
to express the opinion that the salary,
\$6,000, is not enough. A man ought to
get more money than that to pay him
for accepting such a responsible post at

such a remote point. It may be true
that there are chances to "get on to"
things that will more than make up for
any deficiency in salary, but the govern-
ment ought not to take this into account
in fixing the rate of pay. If it is to be
considered, there are some men who
would pay a handsome bonus for the
commissionership.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRANTS.

We print certain correspondence be-
tween the federal and provincial govern-
ments bearing on the question of the
Chinese head tax. It is very evident
from the despatch from the Clerk of the
Privy Council that, for the present at
least, any agitation for an increase in
this tax or for greater restrictions upon
Oriental immigration will just be so
much energy wasted. We do not believe
that any disposition exists at Ottawa
to put any additional obstacle in the
way of Chinese entering Canada, and
are inclined to think that there is no
substantial difference in the attitude of
the two political parties on this ques-
tion.

In regard to Japanese, there is no
room to doubt that the present federal
government will not, for Imperial rea-
sons, take or countenance any steps up-
on any different footing from other for-
eigners. These are points that should
be well understood, for there is no sense
in our legislature inviting legislative dif-
ficulties by enacting laws, which will
not be permitted to remain in operation.

A MILITARY BURDEN.

A Philadelphia paper prints a com-
parative statement of the cost of the
military and naval expenditures of the
United States and those of the principal
European powers. By the figures given,
the United States is far in the lead,
with Great Britain next, then France,
Russia and Germany, in that order.
Pensions are included in all cases, and
the totals are:

United States	\$392,000,000
Great Britain	255,000,000
France	210,000,000
Russia	200,000,000
Germany	157,500,000

The United States pays \$144,000,000
for pensions, which is more than all other
countries put together. Deducting pen-
sions in all cases, the figures are:

Great Britain	\$250,000,000
United States	248,000,000
France	184,000,000
Russia	181,000,000
Germany	142,000,000

But it is when the distribution of the
payments are taken into account that
the disproportionate cost of the United
States establishment is seen. Great
Britain spends \$135,000,000 on her navy.
The United States comes next with \$78-
000,000, although her navy is by no
means second in strength. Deducting
naval expenditures and pensions, we get
the following as the cost of the several
armies:

United States	\$170,000,000
Russia	147,000,000
France	127,000,000
Germany	127,000,000
Great Britain	115,000,000

The strength of the several armies is
stated as follows:

Russia	\$761,000
Germany	\$591,000
France	\$501,000
Great Britain	\$500,000
United States	105,000

These figures are worth making a note
of. They show several things, and
among these, that the people of the
United States can no longer point the
finger of scorn at the tax payers of
Europe carrying soldiers on their backs.
The per capita tax of the army upon the
people of the United States is almost as
great as the cost of the British army is
upon the people of the United King-
dom, and is greater by far than the per
capita cost of the army of Russia upon
the people.

Mr. Tarte promises that we shall be
able to send a telegram to Dawson next
July over an uninterrupted line. People
doing business in the North country
will be very greatly pleased, when this
promise is fulfilled, for much inconven-
ience is caused by the lack of such a
means of communication.

"The Women Workers of Canada"
is the title of the seventh report of the
National Council of Women of Canada,
and it embraces a record of the session
held in this city last year. It is illus-
trated with some very pretty half-tones.
This report is sent out to all applicants
who send 50 cents, which is less than the
cost of production, to the central office at
Toronto.

The tragic, yet simple, story of the
Union Colliery disaster has one feature,
which must strike every reader, and that
is the heroic manner in which the miners
and others labored for the rescue of the
entombed men. There is nothing grander
than the heroism of a man who de-
scends into a coal mine in the forlorn
hope of saving life under such circum-
stances.

Referring to an article which appeared
in The Province, of 29th June, 1895,
and lately re-printed, a correspondent
writes to say that "Capt. Scott did not
take his machinery over the Hope Trail,
but via Spencer's Bridge, along the
wagon road to Granite Creek, to which
point it was built in 1895, and from
there over the trail to his mine on the
Similkahen. This is the route that the
C. P. R. located for the extension of
the railway from Midway westward.
There is no lake two miles long on the
Hope Trail."

We have a letter from a Ladysmith
correspondent, in which reference is
made to the case of a young Nova
Scotia navigator. We do not see our
way clear to printing such a letter. It
makes charges of grave malfeasance in
an official quarter, and matters of that
kind ought not to be tried out in the
public press. If injustice has been done
the young navigator, his proper course
is to prefer complaint in a proper court.
If he cannot get redress, he may

very properly place his case, duly
authenticated, before the public through
the medium of the press. A newspaper
cannot permit itself to be made the
means of criticizing officials, except when
no other redress is possible to persons
aggrieved. Especially is this the case
when the critic imputes motives to an
official.

A correspondent writes:
"I think you ought to know that during
the litigation between the B. & N.
Company and the New Vancouver Coal
Company, about the latter compa-
ny's mines under Nanaimo Harbor, Mr.
Dunsmuir refused to countenance an
application for an order enforcing the
Vancouver Coal Company from work-
ing the mines pending determination of
the question in the action. The reason
which led him to refuse his consent was
his desire that the miners should not be
thrown out of employment. Of course
the issue of such an application was
largely problematical, but this does not
detract from the credit due to Mr. Dunsmuir
for his action and the motive influ-
encing it."

Those who know Mr. Dunsmuir best
will not be surprised either at the act or
the motive; neither will they be at the
fact that nothing has ever been
said about it. Mr. Dunsmuir is as re-
tiring as he is kindly, and he will be
surprised to know that our correspon-
dent says his action in the matter re-
ferred to has been the subject of many
favorable comments.

KENTUCKY YAKNS.

A Couple of Good Stories About Court
Happenings.

An old lawyer here, says the Louis-
ville Times, tells of two amusing things
which, he alleges, occurred in Kentucky
years ago. On one occasion a
wealthy man died, leaving a fortune,
and the heirs became so dissatisfied with
his will that they went to court to break
it. One witness was called who furnished
fun for the crowd. In giving his testi-
mony he stated that the deceased did
not wish to make a will because of a
dream he had had. He was intensely
superstitious, and this vision rather
dampened his enthusiasm with regard to
making a will.

"Well, sir," replied the witness, "the
dreamed that he made a will, and just
as he signed it he saw a lawyer coming
in the room with a big bag to take all
his money away."

At another important trial which kept
things lively, a witness was a vain, conceit-
ed woman, who fancied she could
teach the lawyers a thing or two. While
one of the lawyers was cross-examining her,
she became very saucy, grinned at her
husband, who sat in court, and remark-
ed tartly: "Mr. Blank, you needn't
worry me with them questions; you just
can't catch me."

"Fadum," said the lawyer, heaven
knows I don't want to catch you, and
your husband looks like he was sorry he
ever did."

She was swept up and carefully re-
moved from the stand.

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From Military Gazette.

The intelligence of the Colonel is of a
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ing greatly on his own cool judgment for
position and his native cunning to see him
safely through his duties. Shortland
Tommy Atkins, I am saddened,
Melancholy is my mood,
I no longer have ambition
To assimilate the world,
Life's romance for me is ended,
Bitter is my lot indeed,
Since you have deserted me,
That your brain had run to seed!

Tommy Atkins, hear me kindly!
Hearken to my plaintive tone!
Tell me ere my heart is broken
If your pate contains a stone!
I have always loved you dearly—
Childhood's romance made you so—
Now the papers tell the public
That your brain has ceased to grow.

You have fought at Talavera,
Lucknow, Delhi, Waterloo,
Struggled with Jaegers in Burma,
Campaigning on the dry karoo,
Hardship seldom checked your spirit,
But now you are a broken reed,
How you did this, Tommy, puzzles
Since you lack this matter gray.

Ladysmith was well defended,
Butler pierced the mountain chain,
But it was the stern Colonel
With his massive frontal brain
Who showed Tommy how to do it.
This is what the papers said:
"Tommy Atkins, pluck up action,
But be failed to use his head."

You respect the Queen's commission
Till at times you groan of speech;
Twice a week you get your biscuit,
On this diet you're a peach,
Turned follow me, you don't you,
And—wonders may lay you low,
Then the press will sing in concert:
"We have always told you so."

Do not be so reckless, Tommy,
Any fool can lose his life;
Gains a new name for foolery,
Never mind the blooming strife,
Exercise your cerebellum,
We will show you how 'tis done—
You are plucky, Tommy, but
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1901.

Bills must be presented to the House not
later than the 13th day of March, 1901.
Reports from Committees on Private Bills
will not be received after the 20th day of
March, 1901.

Dated the 10th day of January, 1901.
THORNTON FELL
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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price..... 45c

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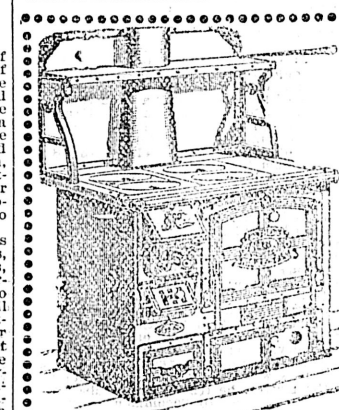
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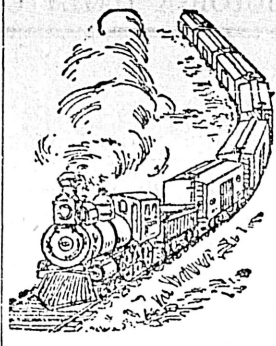
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THE WESTSIDE'S PLANS FOR SPRING.

The Rapid and Phenomenal progress made by The Westside will necessitate changes in the internal arrangement of the Store. The place that was considered too large four months ago, has become too small for the wonderful growth of the business, so much so, that the DIRECTORS ARE CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF FURTHER ENLARGEMENT OF THE PREMISES.

OUR DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT.

This important department will be opened about the First of March, under the management of Miss McMillan, of TORONTO. Miss McMillan is at present in New York, studying the fashions there, and after visiting Toronto and Montreal, will be at the service of the ladies of Victoria.

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COLWOOD PUBLIC MEETING.

Mrs. L. O. Demers Elected School Trustee—To Discuss Roads.

A meeting was held at Colwood on the 16th instant to elect a school trustee in place of Mrs. Hunt, resigned, because she was found to reside outside the district. Mr. W. J. Wade was elected chairman, and Mr. Joseph Shaw secretary.

The only name proposed for the vacancy was that of Mrs. L. O. Demers, who was declared duly elected. The secretary expressed the hope that the general condition of the school buildings would receive attention, as their dilapidated and untidy appearance was a disgrace to Colwood. He hoped also that the trustees' accounts in future would be itemized, and not have \$10 out of the \$40 allowed by the government lumped as incidentals.

This brought Mr. Wade to his feet in his own defence. He stated that he had done all he could to make the best of the appropriations; that the reason the school fences were so bad was that the contract had not been properly carried out.

The meeting was of opinion that the contract should still be enforced. As this was the first meeting since the death of the Queen, loyal references were made upon the subject. The meeting decided to ask the road foreman to attend a meeting on the 23rd instant to report on what work had been done, and at what cost; and to consider road matters generally for the coming season.

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HAUCTION SALES.—All Advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on Page 8.

Has Two Calls.—Rev. D. Reid, who has been acting as pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has received a call from Seattle, and also one from Port Angeles. He has not decided which he will accept.

Big Snow Storm.—The big snow storm which prevented Premier Dunsen and party from proceeding to Union on Saturday night, extended to the outskirts of Victoria; in fact, a few flakes fell in the city. There was a heavy fall along the line of the E. & N. railway, particularly at the Summit, and the Sooko hills were also covered.

Rich Property.—In another column will be found a notice calling a meeting of the shareholders of the Arctic Slope company. This company owns one of the most extensive properties on the west of the Rockies. It has been proved to be one of the richest, and when fully equipped will be one of the greatest gold producers on the Pacific Coast.

Changes Positions.—Mr. Herbert MacInnis has been offered a position at the Wellington cannery at Ladner, in the employ of the V. C. Co., of Victoria.

Mr. MacInnis has accepted the offer, and has consequently resigned his position as postmaster at Galiano, and as collector of taxes for the district of North Victoria, which he has held for the past six years. Mr. MacInnis has many friends during his stay on Galiano Island, and while they are sorry he is leaving, he carries with him their best wishes for his future success.

Promotions Approved.—The commanding officer of the fifth regiment has approved the following promotions in No. 1 Company: To be sergeant, Acting Corp. E. R. Vigor, vice Sergt. L. B. Trimen, time expired. To be corporals: Bombr. A. Colquhoun, vice Corp. M. R. C. Worlock, who reverts to the ranks at his own request; Gunner J. Sweet, vice Corp. Currie, promoted; Gunner P. Hilton, vice Corp. Bridgman, time expired. To be bombardiers: Gunner H. Nesbitt, vice Acting Corp. Vigor, promoted; Gunner R. Hayward, vice Bombr. Colquhoun, promoted.

City Police Court.—With the exception of the cases being tried behind closed doors, there is little of a sensational character in the sessions of the police court at present. Yesterday a man who took the law into his own hands was fined \$10 for assault, and another charge of a similar nature was dismissed. Four dog-owners who failed to pay their license were ordered to pay the tax and \$2 costs. The Currie case, after further evidence was taken, was remanded until this morning. Another batch of summonses are out for offenders against the provisions of the Street By-Law.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late H. Wager took place on Sunday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Beaton, Henry street, and later at the Metropolitan Methodist church, where services were conducted by Rev. E. S. Rowe. The choir assisted in the services, rendering several sacred songs. The Sons and Daughters of England attended in bodies, filling the large edifice. Many beautiful floral pieces covered the casket. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Nankiville, C. J. Beaven, C. M. Haynes, B. F. Shepherd, J. J. Taylor and F. Tubbs. At the grave the services of the Sons of England were conducted by W. Bull, assisted by the president, E. M. Haynes.

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Advancing Arrangements

Movement to Further Proposal to Erect Paardeberg Memorial.

Meeting of the General Committee to be Held This Afternoon.

Arrangements were advanced at a meeting of the Memorial committee held yesterday for the erection of the Paardeberg Gate, Victoria's proposed monument to the men from this city who fell in South Africa. There were present at the meeting Mayor Hayward, Canon Beaudin, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, Rev. Leslie Clay, Ridgeway Wilson, George Jeeves and S. Perry Mills. The following letter was received from Mr. Herbert Cutbrett:

Dear Mr. Mayor—I am sorry I shall not be able to be present at the meeting of the memorial committee on Monday next, but I would suggest that as it is very probable that a memorial for the late beloved Queen Victoria, taken into consideration, the combination of the two objects in one memorial, I think it is quite possible to do so without interfering with the work already done by this committee and already sanctioned by the public.

May I suggest that as it is very probable that a memorial for the late beloved Queen Victoria, taken into consideration, the combination of the two objects in one memorial, I think it is quite possible to do so without interfering with the work already done by this committee and already sanctioned by the public.

The cost of the masonry and the proposed, seeing that they are of an improvement to the government buildings and portions by the city and the government, and that would leave only the statue to be provided for by public subscription.

These features of our city could for all time be pointed out to visitors as being the outcome of the love of the city council of Victoria for the Queen, who so wisely and so affectionately ruled over us for three generations and for our brave and noble men who died to uphold the honor of Her throne and Empire.

HERBERT CUTBRETT.

The letter was received and filed. For the purpose of interviewing the government and securing assistance from the province, if possible, the following were appointed a sub-committee: Major Williams, H. D. Helmecken, M.P.P., S. P. Mills, G. Jeeves, D. R. Ker and F. B. Penberton. At 4 this afternoon a meeting of the complete committee was held and the following are asked to be present: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Mayor and Aldermen, Senator W. J. Macdonald, Senator William Templeman, Rt. Rev. Bishop Ferris, Rt. Rev. Bishop Orth, Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Rourke, Hon. Premier Dunsen, Hon. J. H. Turner, M.P.P., H. D. Helmecken, K.C., M. P. P., A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P., Richard Hall, M. P. P., E. Crow Baker, H. M. Grahame, Rev. Canon Beaudin, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Dr. Ernest Zall, Rev. W. L. Clay, Ridgeway Wilson, C. H. Lugin, George Jeeves, H. Cutbrett, S. Perry Mills, K.C., F. M. Hanna, W. H. Price, D. R. Ker, Jas. Baker, Rev. P. J. Jones, Col. P. B. Crook, Hon. E. G. Prior, M.P., Thomas Barle, M.P., Thomas Densy, John Langley, W. J. Pendray, David Spence, Noah Shakespeare, W. H. Bone, W. A. Ward, Wm. Munroe, A. W. Jones, F. B. Penberton, B. W. Pearce, C. Brodie, Herbert Kent, C. H. Arnold, R. Seabrook, A. L. Belyea, C. E. Redfern.

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LOST OR FOUND—One cent per word, each insertion—The Daily Colonist.

City Band at the A. O. U. W. hall, last of the season. Concert and dance given by this popular organization promises to eclipse all previous events. Special numbers on programme and all the latest dance music. Tombola drawing will take place and prizes awarded. Band's large orchestra for dance. Tuesday evening next, February 19.

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Opening the Legislature

An Interesting Event in the History of British Columbia.

How Victoria Will Welcome and Entertain the African Heroes.

Preparations for the opening of the legislature on Thursday afternoon are in progress in and about the parliament buildings. The clerical staff in all the departments are busy as bees; and Mr. O'Hara, sergeant-at-arms, has everything in readiness for the great event. Invitations for the opening will be mailed to-day. There will be no reserved seats except a few to the right and left of the throne, which will be occupied by the judges and other high officials and their wives.

Guard of honor will be furnished from the Fifth Regiment, in accordance with the following regimental order: "No. 44—5th Regiment, C. A. "Regimental Order by Major Williams, Commanding, "Victoria, B. C., "Feb. 18, 1901.

"Guard of Honor.—In pursuance of a distinct order in that respect, the commissioned officers and men of the regiment will parade on Thursday afternoon, February 21, next, at 2:15 p.m., for the purpose of forming the guard of honor for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on the occasion of the opening of the legislative assembly on that date.

"Capt. B. H. T. Drake will command the guard, and Lieutenants T. P. Patton and W. Ridgway-Wilson will be subalterns of the guard.

"The men of the South African field force will march to the building and take up their position on the steps, facing inward. When the Lieutenant-Governor's party arrives they will proceed to the legislative chamber and form in double lines from the bar to the foot of the throne, facing inward; and Sir Henri Joly and suite, with the guard of honor, will pass between them the length of the chamber. After the reading of the speech from the throne and the formal ceremony of opening the legislature, the guard of honor and veterans will march to the Drill Hall, where they will be dismissed.

It was hoped Capt. Burstell would take command of the men in khaki, but he has telegraphed the government his regrets at having to decline the invitation sent to him. He will be here to open his recruiting office for Baden-Powell's South African police force on Thursday, and therefore cannot take part in the ceremony. As the returned volunteers are not attached to any active corps, it is against military usage that they should bear arms. They will in consequence appear in undress uniform, and not in review order, as at first proposed. They will, however, form a prominent and attractive feature of the opening ceremonies, mustering about 40; and their appearance, even when they leave the hall, will give the people of Victoria a good idea of the material which Canada sent to the defence of the Empire.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS. Preparations for the reception and entertainment of the South African volunteers are rapidly taking shape. The mayor and aldermen, members of the patriotic committee and other prominent citizens, will attend at the C. P. N. wharf this evening to welcome the men from the Mainland, on the arrival of the Chamher. As the steamer approaches her berth, salvoes of rockets and colored fires will greet them, and when they land they will join the Victoria contingents and march in procession to the Drill, through brightly illuminated streets. Government street, from Johnson to the post office, will be a blaze of electric lights, and the stores will be brilliantly lit up, while flags and streamers will float everywhere. As already mentioned, the visitors will dine with their comrades at the Drill, only two outsiders, specially invited—Col. Benson and Major Watson, being present. They will act as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. After dinner the South Africans will be the guests of the City Band, who have extended to them an invitation to attend the concert and dance in A. O. U. Hall.

WEDNESDAY. On Wednesday afternoon the men will make a trip to Esquimalt, where Admiral Bickford and the officers of the fleet will entertain them.

THURSDAY. Yesterday afternoon a meeting of ladies was held in the city hall to make arrangements to provide entertainment for the South African heroes on their stay in the city. There were present Mesdames Hayward, H. D. Helmcken, Hassell, McQuade, Spencer, Templeman, Powell, Pooley, Turner, Lewis Hall, Rowe, Stenland, Kent, and Mesdames Lawson, Gilmour, Keefe, and Mrs. Hayward was voted to the chair, and Mrs. Herbert Kent acted as secretary.

It was decided to hold a social on Thursday afternoon at the Drill Hall between the hours of 4 and 6. The admission was placed at 25 cents, which will include tea and cake. The Fifth Regiment band have kindly offered to play a programme of music, and Mrs. W. E. Stenland, Mr. Herbert Kent and Dr. Robertson will contribute solos.

It was moved by Mrs. Kent, seconded by Miss Lawson, that if there is any surplus of funds they will be put towards the subscriptions to the Paardeberg Gate. It was moved that the men in khaki be given the liberty of the hall and the privilege of speaking to any of the ladies present.

Contributions of cakes or sandwiches will be acceptable if left at the hall early on Thursday.

The Times was misinformed regarding the holding of the social entertainment. It was first proposed to hold it on Wednesday evening, but when the ladies remembered that it would be Ash Wednesday, they decided to change the date. The Colonist makes this explanation of the observer last evening's error.

In the evening the veterans will be tendered an informal reception, dinner and smoking concert at the Assembly rooms. The price of tickets has been placed at \$1.25, and they may be had at Hibbins and the Victoria Book & Stationery Co.'s stores. At the close of the entertainment, the visiting volunteers will be escorted to the steamboat wharf, by their Victoria comrades and friends, where they will embark for their Mainland homes.

CHINESE HOLIDAY. New Year Being Quietly Celebrated in Victoria's Oriental Quarter.

"Happy New Year," or its equivalent in the language of the Orientals, has been the familiar greeting in the Chinese quarter since 12 o'clock Sunday evening, though the people who know all about how the Chinese do these things, said that the real fun did not begin until 2 o'clock on Monday evening. Even at that hour there were no marked signs of increasing hilarity among the stolid denizens of the foreign quarter. It is true that the Chinese proverbially take their pleasures with truly Calvinistic seriousness. But even that would not prevent the observer last evening from finding the Celestials were having, even in their serious way a very high old time. Beyond an occasional spasmodic eruption of the ubiquitous fire-cracker, the only signs of merriment were to be seen in the numbers of abnormally large Chinese lanterns hung from the front of the houses.

Quite a number of citizens were early on the streets in anticipation of the usual divisions of holiday-making on the first day of a public nature on the boards. They strolled up and down the streets of the "quarter," and their curiosity was momentarily excited, but not given food to keep it up, so that the crowd found no inducement to stay. Before 10 o'clock there was hardly a Chinaman to be seen on the streets of that part of the city, let alone a white person. It is said that the festivities reach a climax a few days later in the week over which they extend.

The followers of Confucius are much interested in a quiet way in thinking of a festival, and nearly every employer of Orientals has noted in one way or another, that something out of the ordinary is on. Most of the Celestials take pride and possibly pleasure in bringing gifts, ranging in value and desirability, but all prompted by good feeling, to their employers. Most of those employed as domestic servants display great restlessness in the evening until relieved of their domestic tasks and free to join the companies in the resorts where the Chinese congregate.

In the homes and business places of the Chinese there is every indication that there is a season of festivity, and every customer or patron is invited to partake of the hearty hospitality lavished forth according to their means even the poorest laundryman has his little offering of fruit and Chinese delicacies, more or less mysterious to the white palate, but the sentiment that prompts the offering is easy to recognize, and proves that human nature is much the same wherever it is found.

The events of the succeeding evenings of the old ceremonial of the strangers within our gates will be followed with interest.

New Lodge.—A lodge of the Sons of the British Empire is to be organized in the city shortly. Mr. J. W. Sexton is taking an active interest in the preliminary arrangements. When the lodge is formed the installation of officers will be done by the officers of the Vancouver lodge, according to the regulations of the order. The lodge has taken the matter up enthusiastically.

Federated Board.—The president of the Federated Board met the officers and members of the Vancouver A. O. U. last evening. He gave an outline of the work done in the past and of their intentions in the future. Some matters of interest to societies were spiritedly discussed, showing that the members are alive to the many benefits derived from their organizations. The petitions sent out by the societies asking for an alteration in the Medical Act are being largely signed, and already a long list of them is in the hands of the Medical Board. The doctors in the Kootenay have taken the matter up enthusiastically.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 18.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

An important area of high pressure central in Alberta extends from Vancouver Island to Manitoba; a low area occupies the California Coast, and rain is again falling in that district. The weather has been mostly fair over the northern part of the Pacific Slope. Light snow has fallen in the plateau region of Washington and Oregon. Over six inches of snow was reported from New Westminster Monday morning, and a light fall occurred here and on the adjacent hills. East of the Rocky mountains fair and very cold weather prevails, with maximum temperatures ranging from six degrees above to six below zero.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	42
New Westminster	32	38
Kamloops	29	30
Barkerville	14	14
Calgary	0	4
Winnipeg	0	6
Portland, Ore.	32	44
San Francisco, Cal.	48	50

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m.—(Pacific time)—
Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Light or moderate southerly or easterly winds; mostly fair and cold, with possibly rain or sleet to-night or Wednesday.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate southerly or easterly winds; chiefly fair and cold, with possibly rain or snow to-night or Wednesday.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	34	37	37
Noon	38	38	38
5 p.m.	33	36	36
Lowest	31		

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. Calm.
Noon, 16 miles southeast.
5 p.m., 16 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—0.4 inch.
Sunshine—36 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed, 29.802
Corrected, 29.855

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected, 29.88

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	36	39	39
Noon	41	41	41
5 p.m.	41	41	41
Lowest	35		

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. 10 miles west.
Noon, 8 miles south.
5 p.m., 8 miles southeast.
Rain an drizzle snow—14 inch.
Sunshine—8 hours 6 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed, 30.106
Corrected, 30.128

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected, 30.14

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VICTORIA TIDES.

For the Month of February, 1901.

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The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.3 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120 Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot										
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1	F.		4:16	8.0	6:43	7.8	11:37	9.0	10:42	1.5
2	S.		4:37	8.0	7:11	7.5	12:24	8.7	20:20	1.5
3	S.		4:50	7.9	8:27	7.1	13:25	8.4	20:57	2.1
4	M.		4:52	7.8	8:36	6.0	14:24	8.0	21:34	2.5
5	T.		4:49	7.8	9:15	4.1	15:18	7.9	22:10	3.1
6	W.		4:57	8.0	11:03	5.8	16:12	7.1	22:44	3.7
7	Th.		5:14	8.2	11:52	5.4	17:11	6.0	23:15	4.4
8	F.		5:37	8.3	12:43	5.1	18:16	6.1	23:40	5.0
9	S.		6:00	8.3	1:37	4.8	19:22	5.8	24:10	5.7
10	S.		6:37	8.3	2:34	4.5				
11	M.		7:11	8.3	3:33	4.0				
12	Th.		7:47	8.4	4:34	3.4				
13	W.		7:47	8.4	5:34	2.8	8:28	8.5	17:27	3.3
14	Th.		7:47	8.4	6:34	2.2	9:15	8.0	18:12	3.9
15	F.		7:47	8.4	7:34	1.6	10:03	7.7	18:58	4.6
16	Sa.		4:26	7.6	6:22	7.5	11:10	7.8	10:32	1.0
17	S.		4:49	7.6	7:17	7.2	12:15	8.7	20:10	1.0
18	M.		4:50	7.6	8:05	6.0	13:14	8.3	21:03	1.6
19	Th.		4:52	7.6	9:05	6.0	14:14	8.3	21:29	2.2
20	W.		4:50	8.1	9:58	5.2	15:16	8.0	22:16	2.8
21	Th.		5:11	8.1	10:50	5.0	16:16	7.9	23:03	3.4
22	F.		5:08	8.7	11:44	4.3	19:13	7.2	23:33	4.4
23	S.		5:31	8.8	12:42	3.4	20:10	6.9		
24	Sa.		5:16	5.6	10:06	8.9	19:13	2.8	23:03	6.1
25	M.		1:05	0.4	6:46	8.3	19:49	2.4		
26	Th.		0:44	0.7	7:22	7.0	7:34	18.8	15:57	2.7
27	F.		0:59	0.7	8:01	6.9	8:13	18.8	16:57	3.4
28	Th.		2:18	7.8	4:51	7.5	9:32	8.4	17:51	2.2

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Representatives of Fraser Valley Ranchers Will Wait Upon Government.

Monster Petition for Coast to Kootenay Railway to be Presented.

The first member of the legislature to arrive in the city is John Oliver, M.P. P. for Delta, who came over from the Mainland last night by the Princess Louise. Mr. Oliver came thus early as guide and mentor to one of the most influential delegations that ever visited the Capital. The delegation is composed of representative men from all the municipalities in Westminster district, and its object is to wait upon the executive council and present a monster petition, bearing thousands of signatures of the voters and ratepayers of the agricultural districts of the Fraser valley, praying for railway connection with the Coast and an outlet for the produce of their ranches to their natural markets.

The delegation, which hopes to lay the petition and the arguments in support of its prayer before the members of the government to-day, will urge the construction of a railway from the mouth of the Fraser to the Kootenay country, and the government work, as it is felt that such a step would insure to the farmers and miners further east an adequate service at a minimum of freight and passenger rates. If the government cannot find better than the present, but decides to entrust the construction and operation of the railway to a company, the delegation will impress upon the executive the absolute necessity of safeguarding the interests of the public by providing that the government shall have control of the freight and passenger rates, so that the railway cannot make exorbitant charges, ruinous to the business of the country. It will probably be suggested to the government, that it should provide, in any charter granted to a company, that the railway should be at least one day in every week, carry freight and passengers at a minimum rate of, say, \$1 for passengers and freight from Chilliwack to the Coast, and freight not to exceed \$2 per ton. The steamers now carry freight from some points on the river for \$1 per ton. This suggestion is on the principle of half a loaf being better than no loaf, the delegates feeling that the railway company should be restricted in its charges at all times, but deeming it, if nothing more can be obtained, to have one day in the week when farmers can take their produce to market at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Hill-Tout called attention to the wide difference in the passenger and freight rates on the Washington side, which he alleged were much more reasonable than those charged by the C. P. R. He declared that the present condition of affairs in the Fraser valley was intolerable, many of the farmers, disheartened by failure to make a living in the face of the high transportation charges, and after many years of hard work, having to abandon their fertile farms and seek fortune elsewhere.

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That the section of country in which your petitioners reside has not enjoyed in common with more favored portions of the Dominion, the great measure of prosperity that has been vouchsafed during the past few years. This fact is largely owing to the almost utter lack of facilities for reaching our markets.

That the lands within the municipalities referred to are largely undeveloped, waste and unproductive, and in great need of population.

That your petitioners believe the construction of the proposed railway and bridge will very materially assist in promoting a change in the existing order of things by affording a means of ready access to the markets of the province, and thus the lands will become developed and productive.

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Mr. Schofield, of Victoria, had an interview with H. H. Allingham, Sheriff of the County of Victoria, and the Australian lacrosse tour, yesterday. Mr. Schofield promised to call a meeting for the purpose of discussing the matter, on his return to Victoria.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.
Hawthornthwaite Chosen by Acclamation—A Contest in Vancouver.

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